

In The Drawings

Please approve the amendment of FIG. 5, changing the reference numeral that points to the race number in race ticket region 48 from "80" to "78."

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 87, 88, and 134.

Please replace claims 1, 44, and 91 with the following amended versions of those claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for submitting electronic wagers on races that are to be run to computer equipment over a communications network using an interactive wagering application that is implemented using in-home user equipment and at least one wireless portable computing device with a display that is in two-way wireless communications with the in-home user equipment, comprising:

providing a user at the wireless portable computing device with on-screen options on the display of the wireless portable computing device that allow the user to create a wager for a given race to be run, wherein the on-screen options are based at least in part on information received over a wireless communications path between the wireless portable computing device and the in-home user equipment, and wherein the information is based at least in

part on racing data received by the in-home user equipment from the communications network; and

allowing the user to wirelessly transmit the wager from the wireless portable computing device to the in-home user equipment over the wireless communications path when it is desired to submit the wager for processing; and

transmitting the wager from the in-home user equipment to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

44. (Twice Amended) An interactive wagering system that provides a user with an opportunity to submit electronic wagers on races that are to be run to computer equipment over a communications network using an interactive wagering application, comprising:

in-home user equipment; and

at least one wireless portable computing device with a display that is in two-way wireless communication with the in-home user equipment, wherein the in-home user equipment and the wireless portable computing device are configured to:

provide the user with on-screen options on the display of the wireless portable computing device that allow the user to create a wager for a given race to be run,

wherein the on-screen options are based at least in part on information received over a wireless communications path between the wireless portable computing device and the in-home user equipment, and wherein the information is based at least in part on racing data received by the in-home user equipment from the communications network; and

allow the user to wirelessly transmit the wager from the wireless portable computing device to the in-home user equipment over the wireless communications path when it is desired to submit the wager for processing; and

transmit the wager from the in-home user equipment to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

91. (Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for use in submitting electronic wagers on races that are to be run to computer equipment over a communications network using an interactive wagering application that is implemented using in-home user equipment and at least one wireless portable computing device with a display that is in two-way wireless communications with the in-home user equipment, the machine-readable instructions comprising:

providing a user at the wireless portable computing device with on-screen options on the display of the wireless portable computing device that allow the user to create a wager for a given race to be run, wherein the on-screen options are based at least in part on information received over a wireless communications path between the wireless portable computing device and the in-home user equipment, and wherein the information is based at least in part on racing data received by the in-home user equipment from the communications network; and

allowing the user to wirelessly transmit the wager from the wireless portable computing device to the in-home user equipment over the wireless communications path when it is desired to submit the wager for processing; and

transmitting the wager from the in-home user equipment to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

Please add new claims 136-141 as follows:

136. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 135, wherein the computer equipment is located at a transaction processing and subscription management system.

137. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 135, wherein the computer equipment is part of a local network at the racetrack.

138. (New) The method defined in claim 89, wherein the computer equipment is located at a transaction processing and subscription management system.

139. (New) The method defined in claim 89, wherein the computer equipment is part of a local network at the racetrack.

140. (New) The system defined in claim 90, wherein the computer equipment is located at a transaction processing and subscription management system.

141. (New) The system defined in claim 90, wherein the computer equipment is part of a local network at the racetrack.